Supply of gas by ONGC to Uran Gas Turbine Power Station

*359. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) at what price gas is supplied by the ONGC to Uran Gas Turbine Power Station of MSEB in Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government of Maharashtra have represented against the high price of gas; and

(c) if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The latest price being billed for gas supplied by ONGC to Uran gas turbine power station of Maharashtra State Electricity Board is Rs. 286.980 per Million Kilo Calories. However, MSEB have not been paying at this rate.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The question of fixing the price of natural gas is under consideration of the Government.

Foreign trade mark for sale of goods in India

*360. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether it is the Government of India's policy not to allow the use of foreign trade mark for sale of goods within India?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): As a general policy, foreign brand names are not allowed for use on products for internal sales, although there is no objection to their use on products to be exported. A condition to this effect is accordingly incorporated in all approvals for foreign collaboration.

News report captioned Trade Marks Machinery on the verge of collapse'

1708. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the press report captioned "Trade Marks Machinery on the verge of collapse" which appeared in the Economic Times of June 27, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that Trade Mark Registry is overloaded and that it takes any where from six months to five years to get Trade Marks if registered; and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to clear the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is a normal backlog of applications for Registration of Trade Marks due to very large receipts which involve prior search and examination and every effort is being made to speed up the examination of these applications.

Brand names for luxury goods

1709. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of foreign brand names is not banned in respect of all luxury and consumer goods produced and sold in India; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) As a general policy, foreign brand names are not allowed for use on products for internal sales, athough there is